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Dear Mr Boyer,

Re: PM 1327EPO - Our file 30775

The European Search Report has been received and a copy is enclosed together with copies of those references with which we are not already familiar.

As agreed during my visit to Richmond, this application and the corresponding applications in other countries have been passed to me by Anthony Smith, who filed them in the first instance but has had no involvement with the other heat source cases or, indeed, with any of the Delta series.

Of the present references, the first is the well know European Specification of R J Reynolds (Farrier et al) which is mentioned in the application and cited as background only. Only the front page of this reference is enclosed for the purposes of identification.

The 3 other references are cited as "particularly relevant". Two are in French but US equivalents are given in the family list attached to the report. The last reference is a Derwent abstract of a Japanese publication, from which I have no further information.

Now that the search report has been received, it is possible to make voluntary amendments to the claims if these are thought desirable. No doubt you will let me know if you wish to file any amendment but otherwise I will wait for your instructions regarding the examination fee.

Yours sincerely

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